

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1.       A socket for an electrically operated device, comprising:  
2           a housing, including at least a first housing part and a second housing part,  
3       which together enclose an interior;  
4           at least one contact disposed in said interior; and  
5           at least one clamping spring having a first portion for snap-in fastening of the  
6       electrically operated device and a second portion that clamps and retains together the  
7       first and second housing parts.
- 1           2.       The socket of claim 1, wherein that the first housing part comprises a  
2       base part with a base plate portion, the base plate portion housing having fastening  
3       portions for fastening the base part to a support element.
- 1           3.       The socket of claim 1, wherein the fastening portions comprise  
2       housing portions that are diametrically opposite one another and include fastening  
3       openings.
- 1           4.       The socket of claim 2, wherein the two housing parts together define a  
2       parting seam, which is disposed essentially parallel to the base plate portion.
- 1           5.       The socket of claim 1, wherein the second housing part, on a side  
2       remote from the first housing part, has a recess for receiving at least one portion of the  
3       electrically operated device.
- 1           6.       The socket of claim 5, wherein the first portion of the clamping spring  
2       protrudes into the recess.
- 1           7.       The socket of claim 1, wherein the socket has two clamping springs.
- 1           8.       The socket of claim 7, wherein the clamping springs are identical to  
2       one another.

1           9.       The socket of claim 1, wherein the clamping springs are disposed  
2 opposite one another.

1           10.      The socket of claim 2, wherein the second housing part has fastening  
2 portions, which rest on the fastening portions of the first housing part.

1           11.      The socket of claim 1, wherein the second portion, of the clamping  
2 spring has a first leg that snaps together with the first housing part.

1           12.      The socket of claim 10, wherein the second portion of the clamping  
2 spring has a second leg, which rests on one of the fastening portions of the second  
3 housing part.

1           13.      The socket of claim 11, wherein the first leg is disposed in a rectilinear  
2 extension of the first portion of the retaining spring.

1           14.      The socket of claim 13, wherein the first housing part has a well, into  
2 which the first leg extends.

1           15.      The socket of claim 11, wherein the first leg has a snap-in recess, with  
2 associated a snap-in lug disposed on the first housing part.

1           16.      The socket of claim 14, wherein the snap-in lug is disposed in the well.

1           17.      The socket of claim 15, wherein the snap-in lug is disposed in the well.

1           18.      The socket of claim 12, wherein the second leg has a fastening  
2 opening, which matches a fastening opening embodied in the housing parts.

1           19.      The socket of claim 11, wherein the two legs together form an  
2 essentially right angle.

1           20.      The socket of claim 12, wherein the two legs together form an  
2 essentially right angle.

1           21.     The socket of claim 1, wherein the second leg is resiliently pre-stressed  
2     against the fastening portion of the second housing part.

3           22.     The socket of claim 1, wherein said electrically operated device is a  
4     lamp.

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